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With Speech Recognition

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 --Although illustrative embodiments of the present invention have been described herein with reference to the accompanying drawings, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to those precise embodiments, and that various other changes and modifications may be made by one skilled in the art without departing from the scope or spirit of the invention.--



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Submitted herewith are the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Amendment and Response to Office Action;
- (2) Transmittal of Formal Drawings; and
- (3) Formal Drawings (10 sheets).

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the Amendment. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **International Business Machines Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error.

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